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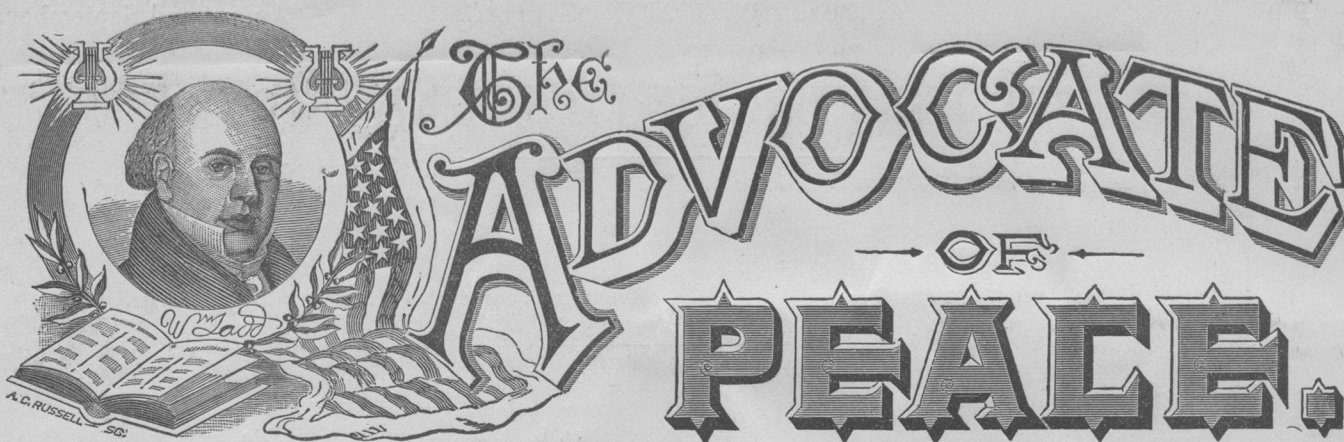
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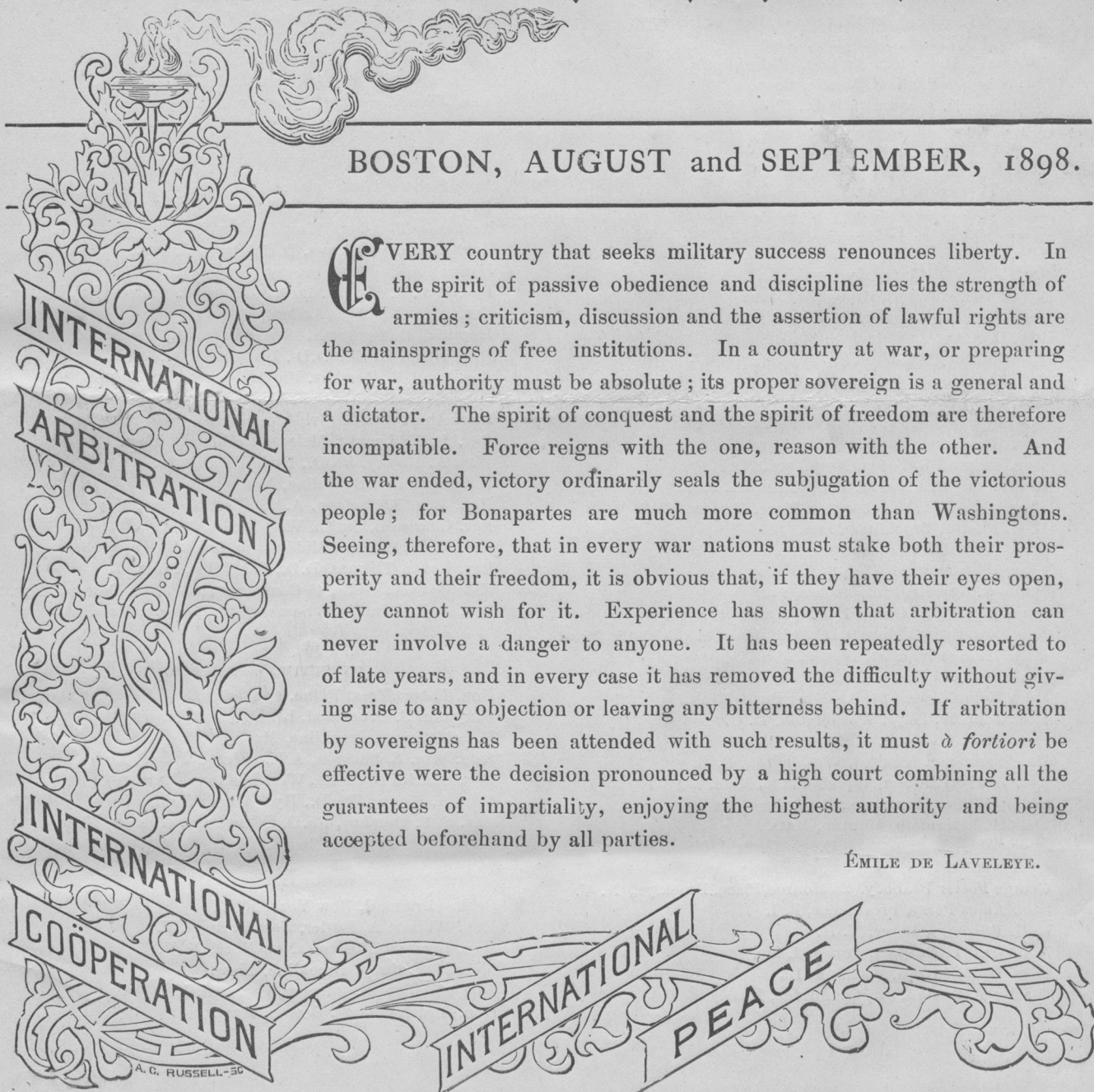
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The Return of Peace.

The war is over. In this we greatly rejoice. Our views in regard to the war have been fully expressed in previous numbers of this paper. It is needless to repeat them. We have seen nothing to induce us to modify them in the least, and we believe the judgment of impartial history hereafter will fully sustain them. However that may be, the war has now passed into history, and nothing can be done in regard to it but to try to prevent the evil results threatening to come out of it. In common with others, we shall sincerely rejoice over whatever measure of real freedom and promise of improvement shall come to the populations which the war has severed from the control of Spain. But we cannot think of the awful scenes produced by our warships among the two Spanish fleets destroyed, or of the dreadful slaughter, death by disease, and starvation and suffering about Santiago de Cuba, without feeling that whatever good has been attained ought to have been attained otherwise, that war is forever-

more the same monstrous and inhuman thing which we do not see how any motive or combination of motives can justify in this enlightened age.

The Washington correspondents represent that, when the peace protocol was signed on August twelfth, President McKinley, Secretary Day and the other representatives of the Administration present, relieved of the immense burden which the war had compelled them to bear, "were radiant with a happiness which the stormy weather could not affect." We can well believe it. Practically the whole nation feels the same relief, and there is profound gratitude everywhere. As the war went on, and the national debt piled up with frightful rapidity, and the appalling condition of things about Santiago became known, the spirit of the people settled into deeper and deeper distress, and there was earnest longing for the end of the war. The spirit of the men who forced the war upon us became much sobered, when they saw that it was not as fine a political job as they had expected. The reaction among the people was very strong when the seriousness of the war became apparent, and the real character of the Cubans cropped out. We hope that this reaction has been strong enough to cure the country of the detestable spirit of jingoism which was so widely prevailing.

The cause of peace probably never before had so many real friends in the nation as to-day, however many apparent friends may have proved untrue. Its earnest and active advocates before the war have only been strengthened in their convictions by recent events, and made more determined to carry on an active and ceaseless propaganda. The war has aroused many others to a sense of their unfaithfulness in the past and to a purpose to work faithfully in the future. We doubt if the essentially pacific spirit of the nation has on the whole been seriously affected, as was at one time threatened.